

Fact Sheet

Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America Trilateral Agreement for Cooperation in Energy Science and Technology

The Trilateral Agreement for Cooperation in Energy Science and Technology provides a formal framework for collaboration that addresses issues such as ownership of intellectual property rights, and proper legal foundation for funding joint, mutually beneficial, projects in science and technology.

The new agreement addresses these issues, and allows for bilateral and trilateral cooperation in mutually beneficial research, development and deployment on a wide range of energy technologies for peaceful uses, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, nuclear energy, fossil fuels and electricity.

The agreement envisions numerous potential areas of cooperation to advance the science and technology of low- or zero-emission energy production and end-use technologies; low carbon fuels; carbon dioxide capture and storage; hydrogen and fuel cell technologies; and technologies to enhance the security of energy infrastructure.

Such cooperation could include:

- Joint studies and projects
- The exchange of information on scientific and technical activities and developments
- The exchange of scientific and technical personnel in order to participate in joint studies and projects.

Possible cooperative efforts include collaboration between government agencies, universities and other research institutions, private sector firms and others in order to advance science and technology development in all three nations.

The Trilateral Agreement for Cooperation in Energy Science and Technology will be in force for an initial period of five years and will renew automatically every five years afterward if all parties agree.